[President.]

behind the board and say that Government are not responsible for these appointments whereas the Government are directly and exclusively responsible for the appointments.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether that is the case even where the President has to answer?

PRESIDENT: Whatever be the capacity, if the Dewan-President makes a statement, however wrong it may be or however illegal it may be, nobody has a right to put a question to him.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): Not even as the Dewan?

PRESIDENT: Not even as the Dewan. That is the unfortunate position. Personally speaking, whatever be the legal or statutory rules, I shall allow discussion on statements made as Dewan as such and not as Chairman. That does not mean that the rule is not clear. The rule is clear. It is that in whatever capacity he may speak nobody can put a question and no discussion can arise upon the statement made by the Chair.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May we take it as a convention?

PRESIDENT: I am not going to lay down any conventions. Honourable members know what has been done recently. I will certainly relax the rule where I consider that they should be relaxed. I am not going to lay it down as a convention so that honourable members may ask why I have broken those conventions on certain occasions.

Training in communications.

360. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the candidates who applied for selection for overseas training in communications in the post-war plan;

(*b*) their respective qualifications; and

(*c*) the names of the candidates selected with their respective qualifications?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) and (*b*) Messrs.

1. S. Hariharan, B. sc., (Physics) 1st Class.
2. P. Ramankutty Nair, B. sc., (Physics) 1st Class. B. L. Passed the Radio Service Course conducted by Abdulla Fazalboy, Technical Institute, Bombay.
3. R. Velayudhan Nair, B. A. B. sc., (Engineering).
4. D. S. Thomas, B. sc., (Engineering) Electrical—1st Class.
5. P. M. Mathew, VI Form student.
6. G. M. Sen, B. sc., 2nd Class.
7. K. P. Nambudiri, B. A.
8. T. Sreekumaran Nair, E. S. L. C.
9. M. M. Cheriyan, B. A., 3rd Class.
10. N. P. Ramakrishna Pillai, B. sc., student.

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11. G. Ramanathan, B. Sc., (Physics) 1st Class. Passed the certificate of proficiency in electrical communications engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Passed the graduateship examination of the institution of Electrical Engineers (London).

12. C. Padmanabhan Nair, B. E., Mechanical (Engineering) graduateship examination of the institution of Electrical Engineers (London). Elected A. M. I. E. E., (London).

(c) Messrs.

1. G. Ramanathan.
2. P. Ramankutty Nair for their qualifications *vide* items (11) and (2) *supra*.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I take it that the Government made the choice, as the Dewan President has stated, because of his relationship with the Chief Secretary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That is not the only qualification. Other qualifications also counted.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether as the selection was made by the Dewan himself, the appointment of the Committee was unnecessary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is out of the selections made by the Committee that the final choice was made.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: The Dewan has stated that he is responsible for the choice of Mr. Ramankutty Nair.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member should be fair. The Secretary has answered that a committee was appointed to select the panel. The panel was placed before Government. The Dewan made the choice as the head of the Government and the choice was made only through the panel selected by the board.

Selection of candidates for higher studies in Post-War Reconstruction.

361. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the candidates selected for overseas training in the various engineering courses for post-war reconstruction with their respective ages;

(b) whether the applicants were interviewed; and

(c) who were the officers responsible for the selection?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS:

(a) MECHANICAL ENGINEERING:

Messrs.

(i) M. Sankara Aiyar	...	26
(ii) Alexander M. Jacob	...	27

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